

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of Claims in the patent application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (Original) An apparatus, comprising an insoluble support having a ligand attached thereto, wherein said ligand comprises bromosulphophthalein or a salt or ester thereof.

Claim 2. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said insoluble support is contained in a container.

Claim 3. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said insoluble support is supported in a container.

Claim 4. (Original) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the container is selected from the group consisting of columns, bottles, filter plates, dishes, and plate inserts.

Claim 5. (Original) The apparatus of claim 3, wherein the container is selected from the group consisting of columns, bottles, filter plates, dishes, and plate inserts.

Claim 6. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the support is selected from the group consisting of a support for a column, a support for a micro titre plate, column packing, a surface plate, a filter plate, a matrix, an affinity cartridge, and a membrane.

Claims 7-23. (Cancelled)

Claim 24. (Original) A kit comprising an assembly, wherein said assembly comprises an insoluble support having attached thereto a ligand comprising bromosulphophthalein or a salt or ester thereof.

Claim 25. (Original) The kit of claim 24, further comprising a container.

Claim 26. (Original) The kit of claim 25, wherein said container is selected from the group consisting of columns, bottles, filter plates, dishes and plate inserts.

Claim 27. (Original) The kit of claim 24, wherein the support is selected from the group consisting of a support for a column, a support for a micro titre plate, column packing, a surface plate, a matrix, a filter plate, an affinity cartridge, and a membrane.

Claim 28. (Original) The kit of claim 27, further comprising one or more additional insoluble supports adapted to be capable of binding one or more non-albumin proteins.

Claim 29. (Original) The kit of claim 28, wherein the one or more additional insoluble supports include one or more supports selected from the group consisting of a support adapted to be capable of binding IgA and a support adapted to be capable of binding IgG.

Claim 30. (Original) The kit of claim 29, wherein the support is adapted to be capable of binding IgA.

Claim 31. (Original) The kit of claim 29, wherein the support adapted to be capable of binding IgG is selected from the group consisting of a Protein G cartridge, a Protein A cartridge, and a Protein A and G cartridge.

Claims 32-49. (Cancelled)